



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
25945 Highway 243
Idyllwild, CA 92549

March 20, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

President Schelly called to meeting to order at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mitch Davis was sworn in.

ROLL CALL

President Schelly, Vice President Szabadi, Director Kunkle, Director Olson and Director Davis were physically present. Acting Interim General Manager Sauer and Chief Financial Officer Shouman and Holland Stewart, an Attorney in Law from BBK were present. Also, Cynthia Germano an Attorney in Law from BBK was present via Zoom in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Jacobs wanted to express his appreciation to the board for the change management that has taken place. He also talked about the board and communication to the public and optics. He also welcomed the new General Manager. Director Kunkle mentioned that there is an upcoming election this year, we will have three seats open.



1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. If any Board member, staff member, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it shall be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

A. MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting: January 17, 2024
Regular Board Meeting: February 21, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Income statement for the eighth month ending February 29, 2024
- b. District warrants for February 2024
 - Check # 18136-18177 = \$ 278,030.03
 - Gross Payroll = \$ 65,244.00
 - Federal/State PR taxes = \$ 5990.00
 - LAIF Transfers = \$ 0.00
 - Transfers/charges = \$ 265.00

C. OPERATIONS REPORT

D. INFORMATION

Interim General Manager Contract

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

President Schelly mentioned he has spoke with another director and they would like to review the January and February minutes again and talk with the manger about the corrections that need to be done before approving. In the Operations Report there was clarification for the Fire Department water usage from Director Olson and Director Szabadi. President Schelly asked for clarification under the Operations Report and the static numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

A motion was made by Director Szabadi to approve the Financial Reports and the Operations Report and Director Olson seconded.



The vote was as follows:

AYES

**Director Davis
Director Olson
Director Kunkle
Vice President Szabadi
President Shelly**

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Motion approved.

INFORMATION

2. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager will update The Board on accomplishments, challenges that have occurred and key performance metrics.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson said thank you. Director Szabadi asked for updates on the lower building and a time frame. President Schelly about the employee retention and asked if there was an exit interview that look place with former employee. President Schelly commented that he heard through the public that all districts were working together and collaborating with one another.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessica Priefer commented how wonderful it was to see everyone working together. David Jermone asked for clarification on Chief Field Water Operator being on administrative leave and wanted clarification on someone being brought on by Mr. Sauer. John Jacobs asked if there was an overview for the status treatment plant. Steve Moulton asked about the five meters mentioned and was concerned because we just installed new meters. Mike Freitas asked if we had all the staff needed to work in The Field and at The Wastewater Treatment Plant.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. BOARD MEMBER AND MEETING DECORUM, POLICY #1

The Board of Directors will Discuss the existing Board Member and Meeting Decorum Policy #1.



DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Szabadi mentions on page 4 under Board Policy #2 the stipend is now \$50, not \$100. President Schelly read through a few lines on page 1 and wanted to make sure that The Board was familiarized with the "business judgment rule". Shouman mentioned about page number 3 about adding an agenda item contacting the General Manager or the Board President.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. WWTP PROJECT STATUS

The Board of Directors will discuss the status of the WWTP.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Szabadi mentioned a fourth item was forgotten about, they must file an application for grants, and they are missing their proposed deadlines. They have been paid in full, and they are extending the timeline by 3 months. He then expressed his disappointment. President Schelly asked about the GEO technical report asked if there were any issues that were reported. He also enquired about the status of the property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Jacobs wanted clarification on why the Indian Tribes were involved in the CEQA process.

5. STRAWBERRY CREEK DIVERSION/ CEQA

The Board of Directors will discuss the status Strawberry Creek Diversion. (CEQA)

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Kunkle was hoping Ryan was going to be there to help explain things better. There was clarification and they have secured the easement with the Riverside County Recorder Office and it's under review for the CEQA. President Schelly asked for clarification on the timeline on this process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Moulton asked about the easement and wanted clarification about what easement it was.



ACTION ITEMS

6. RESOLUTION NO 796 WATER STAND-BY ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2024-2025

The Board of Directors will set a date of May 15, 2024, for a Public Hearing for water stand-by assessment fees for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for undeveloped parcels within the Idyllwild Water District (water service area).

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Moulton asked for clarification on the dates.

A motion was made by Vice President Szabadi to approve the date of May 15, 2024, for a Public Hearing for water stand-by assessment fees for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and Director Davis seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES

Director Davis
Director Olson
Director Kunkle
Vice President Szabadi
President Shelly

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Motion approved.

7. RESOLUTION NO 797 SEWER STAND BY ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2024-2025

Board of Directors will set a date of May 15, 2024, for a Public Hearing for sewer stand-by assessment fees for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for undeveloped parcels within the Idyllwild Water District Improvement District No.1 (sewer service area).

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS



None.

A motion was made by Vice President Szabadi to approve the May 15, 2024, for a Public Hearing for sewer stand-by assessment fees for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and Director Olson seconded.

The vote was as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Director Davis			
Director Olson			
Director Kunkle			
Vice President Szabadi			
President Shelly			

Motion approved.

8. ELECT PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Staff recommends that Board of Directors elect a President and Vice President for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

General Manager/Board Secretary Sauer facilitated nominations and election of officers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

A motion was made by Vice President to nominate President Schelly as Board President for calendar year 2024. Director Olson seconded.

The vote was as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Director Olson			
Director Davis			
Director Kunkle			
Vice President Szabadi		President Schelly	

Motion approved.



A motion was made by Director Davis to nominate Vice President Szabadi as Board Vice President for calendar year 2024. Director Kunkle seconded.

The vote was as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Director Olson			
Director Davis			
Director Kunkle			
President Schelly		Vice President Szabadi	

Motion approved.

DIRECTORS CLOSING COMMENTS

Chief LaMont thanks the board for making efforts to get a new manager, and he wanted to thank the new General Manger.

The Board moved to Closed Session at 7:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Significant Exposure to Litigation Govt. Code§ 54956.9(d)(2). One (1) matter.

The Board returned into open session at 8:02 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No Reportable action.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.



ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild CA 92549.

Idyllwild Water District

BY: *Curt Sauer*
Curt Sauer
Board Secretary

Idyllwild Water District

BY: *Charles Schelky*
Dr. Charles Schelky
Board President

